

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

ORDER

COLINFORD MATTIS and  
UROOJ RAHMAN,

20 MJ 403

Defendants.

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Gold, S., United States Magistrate Judge:

A question has arisen with respect to whether the potential for conflict between two defendants—Urooj Rahman, charged in this action, and Samantha Shader, charged in 20-MJ-403—is sufficient to warrant appointment of separate counsel. A telephone conference was held earlier today, during which I directed the Government to submit a letter explaining the basis for its position that there is such a conflict. Because the information I sought from the Government related to an ongoing investigation, I authorized the Government to submit its letter *ex parte*.

Having now reviewed the letter, I conclude that the potential conflict is sufficient to warrant appointment of separate counsel, and I direct the Clerk to appoint separate attorneys for defendants Rahman and Shader.

The Clerk is directed to file the Government's letter under seal and *ex parte*, with access restricted to the Court and filer only. This Order shall be filed on the public docket without restriction.

SO ORDERED.

  
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Steven M. Gold  
United States Magistrate Judge

Brooklyn, New York  
June 1, 2020